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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wilson

Saint Johnsbury

I am very much pleased to inform you that I and Taka arrived safely at our home yesterday

Let me thank you for your kindness to call on me at Worcester taking a long drive more than two hundred miles.

It will be very unfortunate for Taka to leave America, owing to her sickness, but her knowledge gained from school education and actual trainings, during two yeares, must be great resorces to her essential effect for her future life.

Hoping to hear from your permanent good will,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

K. Sugino

1950?

"Ablessed NewYear to all of you"

My dear Friends,

On my desk are laying many letters which pleased me very much when I got them, for they have told about your friendship which I do appreciate so much, and they have showed me your love for there were written many nice things about Christmas parcels and the presents, which I got all in good condition. You have helped me and my work so much with food, cloth, sewing utensils, toilet utensils, school material and other useful things, and you also made me happy and rich with all your deeds of love. Thank you with all my heart for everything.

We were very sorry that we couldn't have Christmas with our students for we had to close school the first of December because of having no food. Throughout the past year we had a hard time in getting food, and for the first part of the New Year is not much hope, because the taifun we had last November damaged the bread-fruits which were in blossom.

But then I had Christmas with our Christians in church at Christmas Eve. They had decorated the church very nicely and two mangrove trees which were full of old Christmas cards took the place of pinetrees. All looked very nice. The children and young people had their Christmas plays and everybody was happy. But most happy when the time came where they got their presents from their parents, brothers, sisters and relatives and which were placed under the two trees.. Until now our Christians don't have Christmas at their homes, but in their churches and they decorate it beautifully with cocoanut fibres and the fragrant tropical flowers. So church is the place were they gather together and share with each other what they have. Doing so make them happy and satisfied.

After the meeting in church I was with Mr. and Mrs. Heuser together for a while and at that night I slept in their house that I could be with them in the early morning when their children waked up at 5:30 and rejoiced over all the beauties which Christmas can bring.

Not only the children opened their presents but we, too, and what a love, lots of love where packed in the coloured papers and useful things. Thank you, thank you so much for all, dear Christian friends.

At Christmas day Mr. Heuser and myself spoke at the morning service in our church. And when I had finished my sermon a man came to the platform and gave his heart to Jesus. I talked about "No place for Him when He came". That was the most precious gift I got at Christmas.

Then I spent a couple of days with a friend of mine on Moen. She is a teacher in the Pitts College, and has a very nice place where we could be together. Well rested and with a joy in my heart I came back to start the teaching again.

Now the Lord be with you all and reward to you what you have ~~-you-have-~~done for me. And remember me when you go in your closet to pray.

Thank you for the kind Christmas greetings with the beautifully handkerchief. I do appreciate it very much and thank you with all my heart for remembering me. That was very nice of you.

Gratefully, Anna Dedores.

From Anna Dederer

Chemnitz 1949